

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



The next couple of weeks will be busy ones — and then we can rest some. I know I need to be counting my blessings. It is easy to gripe about the things that spoil my sense of peace. I will begin my thanksgiving list right now by being mindful of our dear friends here at the John Day Senior Center. We have been fellowshiping here for about three-plus years now, and I don't want to become complacent. Life changes, and before you know it, one thing can change everything. I just want to tell you all, "Thank you for your hospitality."

On Monday, Nov. 6, Jeanette Julsrud stood in for Ron Dowse, who was ill, with me at the greeter's desk. Isa Larkin and Joyce Nodine from the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary delivered meals to the John Day and Canyon City folks, while Shawn Palmer and Rodney Bruser from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Altogether, they delivered 30 regular meals and 28 frozen meals. After doing deliveries, Isa and Joyce served us at the tables.

Isa Larkin opened our time by leading us in the flag salute. The drawings produced the following winners: Isa won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Ken Henry won the free meal. Then, Dale Stennett gave the blessing on our meal. We enjoyed breakfast for lunch: biscuits and gravy, hash brown patties, Western scramble and Danish for dessert. We served 26 diners.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Cor-

nerstone Community Church members Linda Sprouffske, Zola Pike, Carla and Andy Anderson and Pastor Levi Manitsas served us at the tables. The pastor did his usual and very much appreciated coffee refill service. Brenda Taramasso and Simon Gee took meal deliveries to John Day and Canyon City while Rodney Bruser from Step Forward delivered meals to Mt. Vernon, with a total of 35 delivered.

Andy Anderson opened our time with the Pledge of Allegiance. Carla Teague won the free Valley View meal, and Carol Roe won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate. Pastor Levi read a very funny story before leading us in a blessing on our meal. Our entrée was sponsored by Dennis and Linda Dickenson. We enjoyed a taste of Greece from our guest chef Anne Lewis, who made moussaka, (aka Greek lasagna), a Greek salad, French bread and halva, a semolina cake topped with syrup for dessert. We had many expressions of enjoyment.

Some have asked why I don't "visit" like the other two senior reporters. We all get the same amount of space, but I have two events to report on; they only have one, so they can fill the extra space with their personal news.

We had Jim Thomason visit us at lunch and Eve Morris, Dalene Norton and her mom, Barb Gentry, with us for bingo. Next Thursday, Nov. 16, we will enjoy our senior center Thanksgiving meal, and Monday, Nov. 20, it's popcorn shrimp, fries and coleslaw.

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



We had a simple and delectable meal prepared by our cooks Terry Cade and Christy Howell, and of course, we were very grateful for their efforts. They prepared for us a variety of different pizzas to choose from. We were also served a wonderful fresh green salad, fruit and cookies for our dessert. I don't always write this, but we always have available fresh coffee, iced tea and punch for our self-serve drinks.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Debbie Reed. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made some announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Debbie collected and counted the money. There were 49 guests on the books and four takeouts. The winners of the free meal tickets were Karen Elton and Phoebe Yukawa.

We want to thank all those who gave their time for the kids at the Halloween candy giveaway. Among some of the volunteers were Sylvia Cockerell, Doug Sweek and many others.

Judy Harris and Bob Blakeslee are both home from their stints in hospital care, and both are doing well. We are glad as a community that they are back in the comforts of their home and are on the road to recovery.

As a reminder, don't forget that Saturday, Nov. 18, is the sewing class. We start at 9 a.m. There is a potluck lunch around noon, and then we

continue to sew until 3 p.m. Just bring your sewing machine, a meal to share and expect to have a great time with people who have a passion for sewing and wonderful fellowship.

There will be the Mis-soula show at the Monument School Friday, Nov. 17. For more information, please call Shawnah at the school.

It's been pretty chilly here in the mornings. Brrrr. I think many are still scrambling to prepare for the winter, myself included. Another thing, I can't believe that Thanksgiving is in a week. Yikes. Are you ready? I don't think winter will wait for us.

So, my victory over the battle of wills against Perry the "Pill" of a goat was very short-lived, I'm afraid. He managed to get back into the goat pen. That rascally goat was very persistent. I can't believe that Perry outwitted me. He managed to get back into the pen four times. I am hanging my head down in shame (if you could see me). I finally had to just leave him and felt very, very vexed and exasperated.

Well, on a happier note, our dog had some puppies. She had five, but one did not make it. I think she might have accidentally laid on it. My son is very happy. He is hoping for a return on his investment. The mama is a very good dog and mellow. I really like that she doesn't jump on people, which is my biggest pet peeve about dogs. Life on the farm, frustrations and rewards.

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right the tree of life, and may enter in through the gate into the city."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



We had music, music, music this morning with the return of (for want of a better name) The Three Amigos. Never heard of them? Well, it has been six years since they have been together, so that's understandable. Who are they? Janine Goodwin, Nancy Nickel and yours truly. We sing and play and have a high of time. We will be performing live here at the hall on an every-now-and-then basis. So show up and see if we're here...

Pam registered 62 names for the cool day. Lorna Askew from Blue Mountain Care Center led the flag salute, and resident Alma Joslin asked the blessing. We had a little difficulty with the BMCC bus parking area. Someone parked where I had told them not to. Please do not block the new ramp/exit area. But Lorna was able to get situated, and she and Krystin brought in Alma, Lois, Joan and Marilyn.

Larry, Ken, and Carlos made the home deliveries. Ken and Del handled the floor sweeping, afterwards. Bonnie and Pam helped with the clean up, too. Before we ate, I asked all the veterans who were here to stand up. There were seven in attendance. We thank you for your service.

Food for thought: Cookbooks are exciting because they contain so many stirring events. Har, har. Well, our worthy, efficient and skillful cooks, Marjean and Tom, stirred up another new (to me) concoction for our dining pleasure: a kielbasa skillet. Uh huh. What's that, you say? A kind of stew with potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes and Polish

sausage. Very tasty. To go with it was some pickled beets, applesauce and rolls. Dessert was a gingerbread cake with topping. I was so satiated by then, I had to take half of my dessert home for later. We will be having our Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 15, so bring a pie to share. There will be no meal on Nov. 22. But if you have nowhere else to go on Thanksgiving Day, go to the Teen Center for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. I'll be there, and, Lord willing, so will the kids and grandkids. The time is 1 p.m., and if you are so inclined as to want to help with preparation and/or cleanup, let Diana Burrell know, and she will steer you in the right direction.

Soo from Monument sure has a time with her goats. In Prairie City, we watch out for the deer meandering through the neighborhoods, and the occasional bear or cougar sightings. But the most interesting depiction of small-town life is the parade of the geese and ducks across Johnson Avenue. It's beautiful.

Hope you got your table reserved for the Nov. 18 rendition of Christmas on the Prairie. And if you didn't, be sure to browse those who did.

Derrol is making great progress now that we have the sodium levels up where they should be and the medications adjusted for optimal absorption. He even drove all the way to Baker and back. I was along just in case he got too tired. Was surprised when we made a visit to the doctor that they didn't even listen to his heart. Guess they figured if he wasn't complaining, it must be OK...

2 Thessalonians 2:16 "May our Lord Jesus Christ...and God our Father...encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

Church Services In Grant County



Historic Remnant Church
 Preparing for Jesus to come
 Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange
 Sabbath School.....9:30 am
 Church Services.....11:00 am
 541-620-0340

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
 Morning Prayer.....10 am
 (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
 Eucharist & Sunday School.....10 am
 (2nd & 4th Sundays)
 139 S. Washington, Canyon City
 541-620-1436

Prairie Baptist Church
 238 N. McHaley St. Prairie City
 Pastor David Hoeffner
 541-820-3696
 www.prairie-baptist-church.com
 Sunday School for all ages9:00 am
 Sunday morning worship10:30 am
 Awana (Oct.-Apr.)3:00 pm
 Youth Group5:30 pm

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
 139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY
 541-575-2180
 Sunday Worship Service 10 am
 Pastor Levi Manitsas
 cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com

New Life Bible Church
 2 Corinthians 5:17
 Every Sunday in the L.C. Community Center
 (Corner of Second & Allen)
 Contact Pastor Ed Studtmann at 541-421-3888 • Begins at 4:00pm

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church
 SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am
 541-932-4800
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John Day Valley Mennonite Church
 Meeting every Sunday at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
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 Sunday Morning Worship...10:50 a.m.
 Pastor Leland Smucker
 Everyone Welcome • 541-932-2861

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 Sunday School 9:45 am • Sunday Preaching 11:00 am
 Junior Church 11:00 am • Sunday Evenings 3:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study & Master Club 7:00 pm
 Saturday Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
 108 S. Washington Street, Canyon City
 541-575-2688 or 541-575-0844

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 Sunday Worship • 9AM
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 johndayUMC@gmail.com
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 Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd
 Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm
 Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm
 Sunday Mass - 9:00 am
 Holy Days Mass: Noon & 6 pm
 Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
 Anytime by appointment
 541-974-8638
St. Anne
 Monument -
 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30 pm
Office Hours
 Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

Living Word Christian Center
 Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon
 Celebration of Worship
 Sundays 5:30pm
 Youth: 0-6th grade
 Midweek Service
 Thursdays 6:30pm
 Youth: 0-6th grade
 Overcomer's Outreach
 Friday's 7:00pm
 House on the Lawn
 A Christ Centered, 12 Step
 Recovery Support Group
 Pastor Sharon Miller
 541-932-4910
 www.livingwordcc.com

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 Sunday School.....9:30 am
 Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am
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 Children & Teen Activities
 SMALL GROUPS CALL FOR MORE INFO
 Weekdays: Sunshine Christian School
 Pastor Randy Johnson
 521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895
 www.johndaynazarene.com

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 627 SE Hillcrest, John Day
 1st & 3rd Sunday Worship
 & Communion10 am
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship10 am
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....6 pm
 For information: 541-575-2348

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
 SATURDAY SERVICES
 JOHN DAY
 110 Valley View Dr. - 541-575-1216
 Head Elder.....541-575-2914
 Bible Classes (all ages).....9:30 am
 Worship.....11 am
 LONG CREEK
 E. Main Street - 541-421-3033
 Head Elder.....421-3468
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 Worship.....3 pm
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 KSP1 98.1 FM
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 Sunday School.....10 am
 Church.....11 am
 Afternoon Service.....1 pm
 No Mid-week Services
 Pastor Jesse Gosnell
 300 W. Main, John Day
 541-575-1355

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Sunday School.....9:45 am
 Sunday Worship.....11 am
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 Pastor Al Altnow
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